

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

By Freeman

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ellyn Wilbur on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Ellyn Wilbur is one such estimable person, who, having rendered sterling service as the executive director of the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations (TAMHO), took her much-deserved retirement on October 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilbur served as the executive director of TAMHO for eleven years, and she was employed with the organization for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable tenure, Ms. Wilbur assisted with several policy operations, positively impacted the behavior health service system, increased collaboration opportunities with community partners, improved TAMHO's financial stability, and supervised the sale of the Rutledge location and the purchase of the Seaboard Lane location; and

WHEREAS, prior to her employment with TAMHO, Ms. Wilbur was a first-hire and first executive director of CMI Healthcare Services, the first free-standing case management organization in the state, a position she held for nine years; and

WHEREAS, she assisted with the launch of the first Crisis Intervention Team in Memphis, where she was an instructor for eight years; she also worked with the United Ways of Tennessee and partner organizations for two years, helping to identify opportunities to collaborate with the Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination in an effort to improve infant mortality rates and birth outcomes; and

WHEREAS, for eight years, Ms. Wilbur served as the vice president of Children's Services at Magellan, in which position she supervised the implementation of the first statewide children's crisis program; she also facilitated the expansion of funded services within Behavioral Health Organizations to children covered by TennCare, chaired Magellan's Proposal Review Committee for all new service proposals, and maintained responsibility for all John B. and EPSDT lawsuit issues that involved Magellan; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Ms. Wilbur is an avid reader who takes pride in being a master beekeeper, world traveler and photographer, and specialty jam maker; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ellyn Wilbur has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and community alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Ellyn Wilbur our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.